QRZ DX

DX TIPS FOR BIG GUNS AND LITTLE PISTOLS VOL II NO. 5 February 8, 1980

1S1DX, the crew who dodged gunfire and ran all over the Spratley Island group trying to find some place to land. A very interesting story, don't miss a chance to hear about it. From left, Stew, K4SMX, Bill, K1MM, and Harry Mead, VK2BJL. A topnotch crew for a very rare spot.

VKØ HEARD ISLAND....

As of this writing, it appears that the possibility of a ham going to Heard is very remote, although eleventh hour efforts are still being made. While the chance exists that one of the present crew members, or even the party's radio operator, may be licensed beforehand, it is not likely that such an effort would even begin to satisfy the demand.

Over the past few months, Dr. San Hutson, K5YY, with the help of VK3AKK and VK6RU, and also recommendations from P29JS, has been trying to obtain a spot on the crew. Letters have been written, and San made two phone calls directly to the head of the expedition to inquire about a position in the party. He offered services as doctor, radioman, and laborer in return for passage. The expedition head was quite interested, however, he reported that the ship had facilities only for twelve crew and passengers, and that there would be sixteen in the party, thus room had already been stretched to the utmost. Even though there was no doctor in the team, and the idea of having one in the crew was very appealing, he said there quite simply was no more room, unless one of the other crew members had to cancel. Thus, it appears that the chance of an experienced operator will be out for this trip.

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PROPAGATION....

The sun has rose and set a few more times, and it appears it will do so again. While the sun is progressing in its path, N4XX is progressing along in this, but stops and looks up briefly to tell us to look for:

8Feb	Above Normal	16Feb	High Normal
9Feb	Low Normal	17Feb	High Normal
10Feb	High slipping to Low Normal	18Feb	High Normal
11Feb	High moving to Above Normal	19Feb	High Normal
12Feb	High Normal	20Feb	High Normal
13Feb	High slipping to Low Normal	21Feb	High Normal
14Feb	High Normal	22Feb	High slipping to Low

Looks like a few days of good times again.

W6RQ (sorry about the W5 last week, Al) still unable to show us the sun. Hope you're making some progress, Al.

While we're sitting here with our first very cold winter days, our friend Lee laughingly dropped the following to us in the mail from his hideaway in warm Hawaii.

	Flux	Alpha Indices	K-Indices (Boulder, 1800Z)	
22Jan	165	5	2	
23Jan	172	6	2	
24Jan	178	5	2	
25Jan	184	6	2	X1 Flare 2151Z
26Jan	190	8	2	
27Jan	202	17	4	X2 Flare 1152Z

Flux should increase until approximately 6Feb, then decline until activity picks up again on 17Feb. Flare occurences likely during forecast period. Lee also gives one of Dr. Parkinson's unwritten laws "propagation forecasts may be ignored, as they are formulated by those who understand the subject." Catch a big fish for us, Lee.

Tnx KH6BZF

HEARD ISLAND (Cont'd)....

As mentioned above, the possibility still exists that some crew member may be licensed before the trip. If so, however, chances are that operations will be very limited, and controlled (read that list). If such a station comes on, exercise extreme patience, as you may be trying to work someone who really doesn't care about working you at all, and if it gets to be a bother, he'll just turn the radio off.

Again, the trip leaves from Perth on 28Feb, with about ten days out to the area, 16 days on Heard and McDonald Islands, and then return. We will be checking back closer to departure time to see if there is any official word on this.

By the way, think someone's not anxious to go? VK3AKK reports someone offered $5,000 for a berth on the crew.

ET ETHIOPIA....
ET3PG continues to show, although somewhat irregularly. The license appears to possibly have been a club license, issued some time ago, and just now reactivated. The station was worked a few days ago on the Arabian Knights Net, including one W3 who made it. Barry, WA2NHE, is making efforts through his European contacts to bring the station up for operation in the U.S. phone band.

There are two operators for the station, each with a different QSL address. Vekele, the most active, QSLs to Box 5327, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Girma, the other op, QSLs to Box 21321, Addis Ababa.

They have been on ragchewing with three Americans. Now in Germany, on a regular basis on 15 and 20m, 1100Z, for up to an hour at a time. More info as the operation becomes more defined.

TN CONGO REPUBLIC....
TN8AJ still active, look around 2030Z, 21.330mc. Also, he was worked by several U.S. stations on DK5OC's net, 28.750mc 5Feb, 1300Z.

9L SIERRA LEONE....
Chuck Jones, 9L1CA, will be QRV for the ARRL CW Contest. After that, he will be leaving, reportedly to 5X, Uganda.

EP IRAN....
With all the turmoil in that part of the world, EP2TY still finds time to show, being on 20m on 5Feb. He has also been worked on 80m.

VU INDIA....
Carnick, VU2CK, is listening for U.S. stations around 0100 - 0145Z, 3.894mc daily. Frequency is correct, they have only a few kc in the U.S. general band. At 0145 - 0200Z, he moves to 7.085mc, listening usually around 7.185mc.

4S SRI LANKA....
4S7DJ reports that John, KP2A, will be joining him for a visit in Sri Lanka in March.

5B CYPRUS....
Ernst, OE2EM/5B4 is expected to be on Cyprus for several months, working all bands. He can work split, and is willing to move to other bands as needed.

FB8W CROZET....
5T5AY reports that there is indeed a ham on Crozet. That's the good news. The bad news is that his commanding officer won't let him operate because of worries about "damaging delicate experiments". Oh well.

TZ MALI....
Jan, TZ4AQS, is now in Austria. While there, he visited ON6BC, his QSL manager, and ON5NT. He plans to return to Mali on Friday 8Feb. Good news is that he now has a new 15m beam, given him by ON6JY, and will be louder.

9A SAN MARINO....
As reported last week, OE6EEG will be going with a group sponsored by UNICEF to San Marino. They will be operating as 9A1ONU from 27 to 31March. Big news for your EME friends is that I2MBC is taking along 4 antennas and a kw for 2m moon bounce. Wonder if that will draw a pile-up?!!

5N NIGERIA ....
Marilyn, WB9MFC, reports that she has schedules with 5NØNAS, Kunle, on Friday and Saturday, 15-1600Z, at 28.660mc. Also, Kunle may be found with his new call, 5NØOBA.

J5 GUINEA-BISSAU....
Angelo, D4CBS, is now visiting in the U.S. He expects to return to Cape Verde around 22Feb. After he returns, he will be going again to J5, where he plans to operate radio only, rather than a business trip, as his last visit was. Expect him possibly on 1Mar, with possible delay due to his delayed departure from the U. S.

ZS SOUTH AFRICA....
ZS5LB has been on 3.798mc quite often recently with W2LT.

ZS1DM is on 40m, 7.059mc listening 7.194mc, 0300 - 0500Z, almost nightly.

YI IRAQ....
YI1BGD has been active again lately. He can sometimes be found around 14.265 - 270mc with N5AN, 13 - 1400Z. He has also been heard working without a list, so things are looking up.

UA2 KALININGRADSK....
UA2FAL is becoming a regular on 10m, showing up around 14 - 1500Z, 28.523 on Saturdays.

VK9 NORFOLK ISLAND....
VK9NNW has been quite active on 10m lately. Somehow his call was changed from VK9NW to the new call. He has a schedule with N5AJW on 9Feb, 2230Z with N5AJW at 28.565mc.

HP PANAMA....
HP1XOJ is available for 160m schedules. Usually he operates around 1.825mc, Saturday and Sunday, 0400Z.

OUR FRIEND SLIM....
Slim did some traveling last year, with a stop in zone 34, where he operated as ST2MR. W5RBO says please stop sending the cards, 'cause he ain't the manager.

JAN GOULD WA6YQW....
Jan landed at Travis AFB last Saturday, and has since been transferred to Anaheim Memorial Hospital. She is in pain, and is in a waist-high cast. No broken ribs or back as previously reported. Get well cards go to:
Jan Gould WA6YQW
Anaheim Memorial Hospital, Rm. 428
1111 West La Palma Av.
Anaheim, Ca. 92801

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JAN GOULD WA6YQW (Cont'd)
Also, the gift fund for Jan is still open. Donations may be sent to:
W6ORD Norm Friedman
5400 Lindley Ave. #312
Encino, Ca. 91316

T3 CENTRAL KIRIBATI....
Willy, T3KC, is still stranded on Canton Island, where he's been since last August. Chances are he may be leaving 18Feb., so work him while you can, as this one will be purely in the DX-pedition class when he leaves. Only 22 people on the island, all government. Don't expect cards anytime soon, however, since no logs have gone to the QSL manager since summer.

IRCs....
WA1UVX has IRC's available from Angelo, D4CBS, whose post office doesn't like them. 30¢ each, $28.00 per 100, or for the big QSLer, $260.00 per 1000. M.O. or cashier's check to WA1UVX at Bob's Callbook address.

CLUBS....
The Southern California DX Club meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at the Department of Water and Power building in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Guests are cordially invited. The address: 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles, California.

The following officers and directors were elected for 1980 for the SCDXC: John Browning W6SP, President; Joe Merdler N6AHU, Vice President; Perry Esten W6PN, Secretary; Fried Heyn WA6WZO, Treasurer; Bob Kogen W6DN, Membership; Steve Orland AA6AA, Director; Jim Stevenson W6EKL, Director.

INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITION....
The Indian Ocean Expedition by N2KK, K5CO, and N5AU has been scrubbed. A hurricane blew through Reunion last weekend, leaving thousands homeless. Air France is very busy, flying in needed supplies. Under the circumstances, it was felt that timing was not right for three strangers to drop in and try to get supplied for a DX-pedition. If more than another month passed, propagation into the area would not be optimum. Thus, plan is to possibly attempt again in October. In the meantime, funds collected in the trust fund in Dallas will be returned as soon as possible.

QSN

80m

F3TV	3.514	26Jan	0416Z	W5
OK1AWZ	3.506	26Jan	0427Z	W5
Y22JD	3.507	26Jan	0623Z	W5
OZ1LO	3.510	26Jan	0631Z	W5
UK2GJL	3.505	27Jan	0428Z	W5
VQ9KK	3.516	27Jan	2350Z	W5
HS1ABD	3.516	27Jan	1145Z	W5
JA1BGG	3.502	1Feb	1212Z	W5
J7DBB	3.502	21Jan	0250Z	W1
LU9EIE	3.508	21Jan	0253Z	W1
FG7AS	3.503	15Jan	0345Z	W1
9X5SP	3.515	1Feb	0134Z	W1
YU4EBL	3.508	2Feb	0422Z	W5
DL2GG/YV5	3.501	2Feb	0445Z	W5
ZD8TC	3.521	3Feb	0009Z	W5
W1FC/KH2	3.806	3Feb	1150Z	VE3
W1CF/KH2	3.806	3Feb	1150Z	VE3
6W8IA	3.799	31Jan	0512Z	WØ
VP2VFW	3.795	31Jan	0502Z	WØ
LX1JO	3.793	31Jan	0500Z	WØ
UJ8SAT	3.634	22Jan	0200Z	W1
UM8NAP	3.634	22Jan	0205Z	W1
UB5UCH	3.634	22Jan	0205Z	W1
YS9RVE	3.800	24Jan	0554Z	W6
OE6MBG	3.795	28Jan	0435Z	W5
DJØIA	3.798	30Jan	0515Z	W5
5NØDOG	3.799	30Jan	0430Z	W5
4U1UN	3.790	1Feb	0400Z	W5
CT1FL	3.792	1Feb	0500Z	W5
VP2VFW	3.792	1Feb	0500Z	W5
HI8LC	3.778	1Feb	0530Z	W5
SP8YA	3.777	2Feb	0400Z	W5
Y21UJ	3.798	2Feb	0430Z	W5
ZD7HH	3.798	2Feb	0600Z	W5
G3TJW	3.778	31Jan	0658Z	W5
EA6CE	3.794	26Jan	0510Z	W5
OK3TCA	3.791	31Jan	0615Z	W5
YU3DJD	3.791	31Jan	0629Z	W5
EA3KO	3.791	31Jan	0635Z	W5
JA1SGX	3.799	31Jan	1229Z	W5

40m

VQ9KK	7.005	28Jan	1300Z	W5
UA4HKQ	7.008	28Jan	1318Z	W5
UH8EAD	7.008	28Jan	1322Z	W5
HB9HQ	7.018	2Feb	0518Z	W5
KG6JAR	7.004	23Jan	1256Z	W5
UK9ADT	7.006	23Jan	1331Z	W5

40m (cont'd)

P29KK	7.001	24Jan	1247Z	W5
TG9ML	7.010	25Jan	1310Z	W5
VK6GU	7.003	28Jan	1300Z	W5
FK8DD	7.004	4Feb	0720Z	W1
P29JS	7.002	21Jan	1203Z	W5
W4AD/HR1	7.013	22Jan	0343Z	W5
9V1TL	7.003	22Jan	1145Z	W5
FG7AS	7.002	23Jan	1136Z	W5
HM4SF	7.007	23Jan	1338Z	W5
OH2BAR	7.004	27Jan	0127Z	W5
YU4DNO	7.009	27Jan	0158Z	W5
K9EF/8R1	7.006	26Jan	2348Z	W1
J7DBB	7.008	26Jan	2353Z	W1
UJ8JAS	7.029	26Jan	2355Z	W1

20m

UK7TAD	14.031	24Jan	0247Z	W1
HKØBKX	14.020	25Jan	1328Z	W1
FC6EFC	14.031	25Jan	1516Z	W1
RX3GA	14.033	25Jan	1517Z	W1
WD4KMD/DU2	14.018	25Jan	1750Z	W1
UG6GAF	14.026	25Jan	1946Z	W1
FR7BX	14.006	25Jan	1948Z	W1
EA9HU	14.037	26Jan	0058Z	W1
UF6CX	14.022	26Jan	0115Z	W1
7X4PG	14.011	26Jan	2322Z	W1
K9EF/8R1	14.027	27Jan	0038Z	W1
KC4USR	14.035	27Jan	0045Z	W1
UI8OB	14.017	21Jan	0410Z	W2
UF8FAA	14.016	22Jan	0320Z	W2
UM8PAC	14.023	22Jan	0325Z	W2
UH8HBR	14.041	22Jan	0335Z	W2
VP2VEG	14.027	23Jan	0510Z	W2
UD6DKU	14.048	23Jan	0520Z	W2
WA7JRL/SU	14.030	24Jan	0630Z	W2
HS5AID	14.040	24Jan	1615Z	W2
UJ8AG	14.025	25Jan	0330Z	W2
VU2RAK	14.029	26Jan	0330Z	W2
SV1MF	14.013	27Jan	0050Z	W2
TU2GA	14.027	27Jan	0635Z	W2
UL1A	14.047	22Jan	1355Z	W5
EA6DD	14.002	23Jan	1441Z	W5
FY7YE	14.005	25Jan	2149Z	W5
4X4XX	14.031	26Jan	1358Z	W5
3B8CF	14.022	27Jan	0328Z	W5
FB8ZO	14.039	28Jan	0137Z	W5
DJ1US/ST3	14.039	27Jan	0030Z	W5
HKØBEO	14.201	28Jan	1257Z	W5
JT1AN	14.204	28Jan	0215Z	W5
VP8SU (SG)	14.215	28Jan	0218Z	W5

20m (cont'd)

ZK1CI	14.202	28Jan	0316Z	W5
D4CBC	14.208	3Feb	2327Z	W5
CEØAC	14.220	2Feb	1430Z	W5
EA6GB	14.208	25Jan	0405Z	W5
J28AZ	14.218	25Jan	0415Z	W5
5NØDOG	14.222	25Jan	0437Z	W5
KC4USV	14.217	26Jan	1511Z	W6
5B4DI	14.245	26Jan	1521Z	W6
TF3IRA	14.250	26Jan	1547Z	W6
SV9JI	14.204	27Jan	1510Z	W6
UK8AAC	14.203	23Jan	0313Z	W1
UK7LAA	14.222	23Jan	0700Z	W1
VP8SO (SO)	14.302	23Jan	0702Z	W1
FO8BS	14.243	23Jan	0706Z	W1
4S7DA	14.224	20Jan	0148Z	W5
TA2KS	14.212	20Jan	2126Z	W5
YI1BGD	14.232	21Jan	1450Z	W5
5H3FW	14.205	21Jan	1605Z	W5
9J2JN	14.242	23Jan	0343Z	W5
5W1BZ	14.218	26Jan	0515Z	W5
YBØAAG	14.210	27Jan	1535Z	W5
8Q7AL	14.198	30Jan	1700Z	W5
VU2RX	14.212	26Jan	1347Z	W5
ZD7MG	14.212	28Jan	1922Z	W1
9G1SL	14.253	28Jan	2026Z	W1
8R1W	14.228	29Jan	0140Z	W1
EP2TY	14.225	4Feb	1430Z	W5
YI1BGD	14.268	3Feb	1424Z	W5
UA1PAL	14.249	4Feb	0346Z	W5

15m

UL7MAR	21.020	26Jan	1450Z	W1
WA7JRL/SU	21.028	26Jan	1700Z	W5
FY7BF	21.021	27Jan	2045Z	W5
8R1J	21.008	27Jan	2056Z	W5
3D6BP	21.261	25Jan	1805Z	W1
TG9RV	21.270	28Jan	1830Z	W1
ZE6JL	21.352	28Jan	1918Z	W1
ZP5EBM	2p.262	28Jan	2020Z	W1
C5ACR	21.253	28Jan	2039Z	W1
ZS3HL	21.356	28Jan	2042Z	W1
JW5IJ	21.367	27Jan	1954Z	W5
3D2BM	21.360	26Jan	0300Z	W5
TR8CM	21.279	21Jan	1754Z	W5
JW8FG	21.293	23Jan	1846Z	W5
N4HX/TT8	21.260	27Jan	1900Z	W5
5Z4YW	21.370	23Jan	2024Z	W5
A4XGY	21.348	3Feb	1750Z	W5

10m

CT2QN	28.010	26Jan	1740Z	W1
9J2BO	28.040	26Jan	1457Z	W1
T3LA	28.004	26Jan	1934Z	W6
9K2DR	28.004	22Jan	1416Z	W5
LX1ML	28.015	27Jan	1530Z	W2
OY1R	28.042	27Jan	1555Z	W2
KX6PW	28.705	27Jan	2375Z	W5
UA2FAL	28.526	26Jan	1600Z	W5
OX3ZM	28.565	26Jan	2000Z	W5
GU3MBS/M	28.740	24Jan	1340Z	W1
CM2ER	28.510	25Jan	2234Z	W1
WD8QGQ/KH7	28.509	2Feb	2227Z	W5
GJ2YHC	28.515	1Feb	1600Z	W5
W5JMM/SU	28.510	20Jan	1440Z	W5
5B4IJ	28.550	25Jan	1458Z	W5
HV3CJ	28.690	27Jan	1610Z	W5
VK9NNW	28.564	2Feb	2300Z	W5
KX6BU	28.540	2Feb	2300Z	W5

QSL ROUTE

G4ECO	WB9MFC
G4EOP	WB9MFC
VP8PE	WB9MFC
VP8RA	WB9MFC
ZS5PU	WB9MFC
FR7BJ	WB9MFC
WB4SJN/DU2	WB9MFC
VK3NBJ	WB9MFC
W6ENK/KH4	WB9MFC
EI9CB	WA1UVX

Help! WA1UVX would like help with QSL info on A6XP for QSO in April, 1977.

QSL ROUTE

EA9HG	Box 613, Ceuta
VP2VEG	WØDVZ
HS5AID	AG6D
VU2UH	SP9AJT
TU2GA	K9KXA
W5JMM/SU	QSL Home Call
W4AD/HR1	HR Bureau
UL1A	UK1AAA
U4DP	UK4ABZ
JW8FG	LA5NM
ZK1CI	G3ZXD
YS9RVE	WAØJYJ
KP2A	WB2VFT
VP2VEJ	WB3KHY
6W8IA	Art, Box 387, St. Louis, Senegal
CO5GV	Box 43, Jaguey, Cuba
VP2VFW	K2TJ
HI8LC	W2KF
7X5AH	Ahmed Berchi, Box 43, Setif, Algeria
WD8QGQ/KH7	KH6JEB
EA6GB	WB1DQC
VU2RX	W2LOG
5B4IJ	OE8HFL
VP5WJR	WB5UEP
5Z4YW	VE3ACY
HT9TM	K2TV
VQ9DM	K1BZ
ZF2DA	N4AJO
VP1JEC	W4BSO
KC4AAD	W6MAB
EA8AK	EA8CR
KC6MJ	W7PHO
9H4P	N2DO
UA1PAL	UA1OSM
VP2E (29-30Mar 1980 only)	K5ND
VP2EEV	K8ND
FGØAMR/FS7	K8ND
VP5NX	K8ND
FG7AR/FS7 (Mar, 1979 only)	K8ND
5NØOBA	WB9MFC
5N2NAS	WB9MFC
5N5NAS	WB9MFC
5NØNAS	WB9MFC
5Z4PG	WB9MFC
5Z4RG	WB9MFC
9M2PV	WB9MFC
WB8VLG/DU2	WB9MFC
ZS6N	WA1UVX

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COMMENT....
Look on page 32 of the February QST and notice that QRZ DX is sponsoring the plaque for the world multi-operator-multi-transmitter cw category in the ARRL International DX Contest this year. This indicates our commitment to, and support of DX contesting. We feel that a contest seriously entered will teach more about equipment capabilities, operating techniques, and propagation peculiarities in one weekend than would be learned in two to three years of casual DX operating. So the award is there for someone to win. Perhaps it may even be someone who reads QRZ DX.

Activity seems to be down a little over the last two weeks, as most everyone who is interested has worked everything that's been on recently. This brings to mind a discussion that occurred a couple of months ago in the back room at AGL, in which a couple of locals were commenting on the conditions during the CQ WW Phone Contest. They seemed to feel that conditions were too good, and made it harder to retain their competitive edge. Thus, I find it now, with some getting jaded with the ease of contact with a country once considered difficult. As a remedy for that, how about trying to work everything you've already worked on 40m and 80m? There's some pretty exotic DX there now, and more that will move or schedule there. So, try them again on a new band, and when you work them, report on your efforts so others will know that they're there. After all, it's the hundreds of ears listening that make much of the DX available to us all.

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73,
K5FUV

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March 15	Bermuda Contest
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